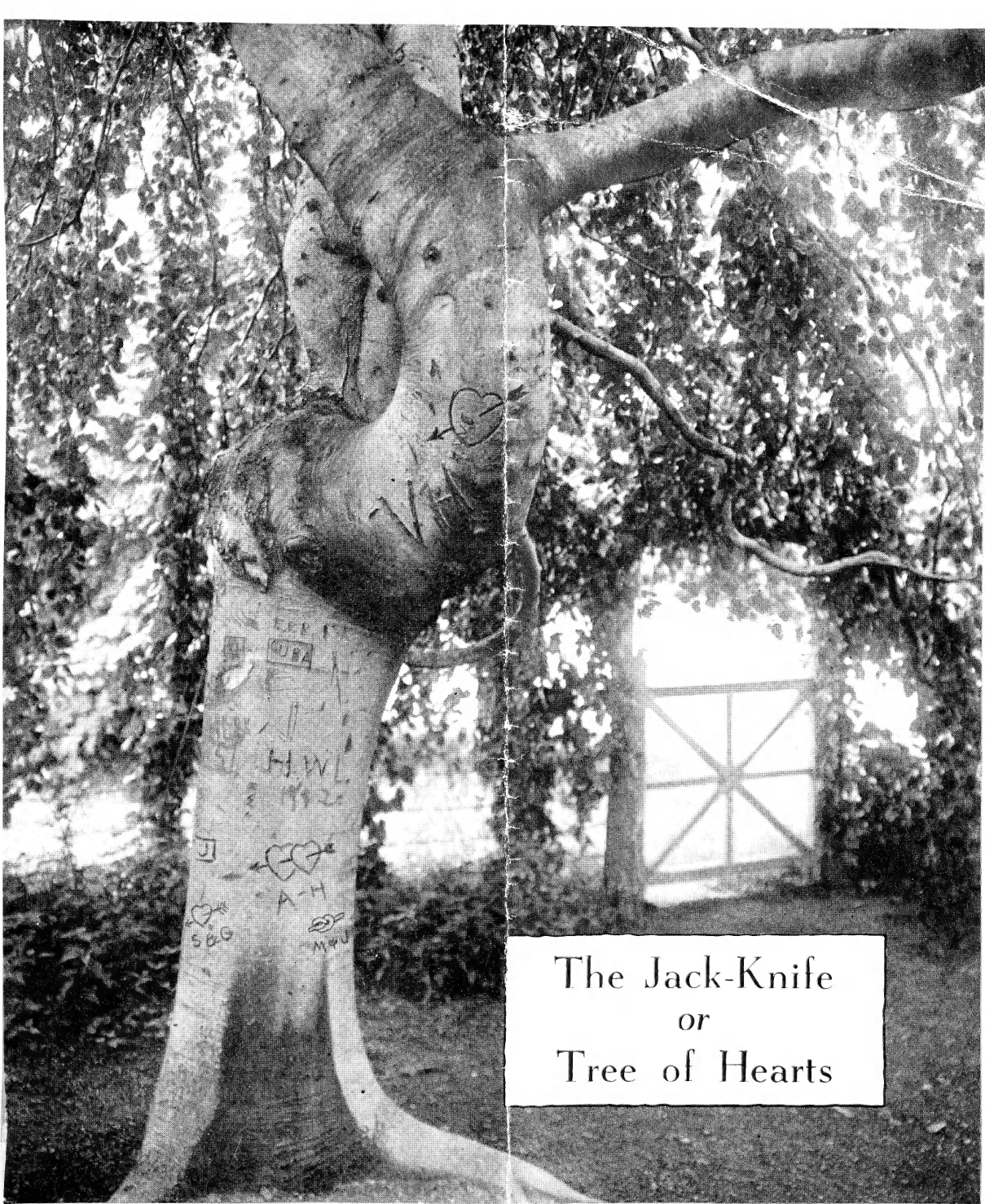


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The Jack-Knife  
or  
Tree of Hearts



This nearby, of a young Beech, gives you an inkling of its interesting branch and twig formation. In another few years it will fill out to a surprising degree, with interlaced branches, and arrive at a shapeliness that will be an unending satisfaction.

## The Pewter Barked Beech

It may be only the puppy-love youths who carve hearts and lovers'-knots on the smooth tempting bark of the Beech tree. But cut-in initials of many a grown-up show the inclination has no age limit.

As characterful and majestic as are the Beeches when in full foliage, they are outstandingly interesting when frost turns the leaves a golden yellow and casts them fluttering to the ground. Then it is, you appreciate the pewter-like glow of the bark, and the surprising shape of the branches, and the laciness of the twiggerly.

As Winter progresses the bark seems to dull, only to come back in early Spring with a color of new glowing pewter.

Some Beeches have drooping branches and like the Willows are called Weeping. Others have a rich bronze foliage, that striking though it be, blends most pleasingly with the green of other trees.

There is a dignity, a certain majesticness about a Beech found in no other tree. But they are also a friendly sort with none of the austerity of the Oak.

The surprising thing is, they take kindly to trimming and make one of the finest of hedges. Admittedly, not as quick to grow as the Arbor Vitae or Juniper. But well worth waiting a bit for.

Furthermore, the Beech hasn't a single if—and—or—but about it. It's just a glorious tree that is fine and sporting in any stage of growth.

They can be planted with equal success in the Spring or Fall. Just bear that in mind.



Here's an interesting fact. On Lord Landsdowne's Estate, at Meikleour, Perthshire, Scotland, is a Beech hedge that was planted in 1746. It is 90 feet high and a third of a mile long. It is trimmed every seven years or so. The travelling scaffold used, looks like a portable Eiffel Tower.

Can't you just see how interesting this multiplication of branches and twigs would be against the snow on a hillside, or the red of a Winter's sunset sky. That insert of a branch shows you the shape of the leaves, and the burrs enclosing the sweet nuts so sought by children.



## And Besides Which

YES—but how large a Beech should I buy? Should I have all three kinds, the bronze, the weeping and the regular native American one, that some call the Forest Beech?

Well, now that you have asked us, would suggest their size should be from 3 to 10 ft. high, costing from \$2.50 to \$15 a piece for the Forest kind. The same sizes for the bronze, costing \$6 to \$25. And around 3 ft. to 8 ft. for the weeping. If these latter are priced from \$5 to \$15 it would be close to being right.

Doubt if anywhere you might seek, you could find a finer lot of Beeches than right in our 235 acre nursery, awaiting your selection.

In fact, it would be close to the truth to say, that nowhere else is there a collection quite the equal of ours. We would not be the least loath to share some with you, for either Spring or Fall planting.

Along with this is enclosed a detailed price list covering varieties, sizes and costs of our Beeches. Also sent you a complete price list of all our nursery stock. If you have mislaid it, glad to send another.

You might appreciate being reminded that our Nursery is located right here at Springfield, New Jersey, just across from the old historic white church that dates back over 150 years to pre-Revolutionary days.



Like the Evergreens, many of the Beeches branch close to the ground and the foliage has an effect of clifts or layers that is unfailingly interesting.

P.S.

Don't get the notion we have only Beeches. In our 235 acre Nursery there are no end of other things to do a complete planting, small or large. Furthermore, we will design the planting layout, and do the complete job of putting it in, if you wish. And there are a plenty like you, who do. Or if you desire, we will be glad to put you in touch with a professional Landscape Architect who will serve you for the customary reasonable fee.

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